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E. O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: KIM TAE-CHUNG CASE IN ROK NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

1. DURING INTERPELLATIONS ON DEFENSE AND DIPLOMACY SEPTEMBER 26, OPPOSITION MEMBER CHONG IL-HYONG, SPOKE ON KIM TAE-CHUNG CASE. ACCORDING TO REPORTER WHO WAS PRESENT, CHONG SAID THAT ALTHOUGH POLITICAL DEBATE ON KIM TAE-CHUNG KIDNAPPING WAS FINISHED LEGAL AND DIPLOMATIC PROBLEMS REMAIN. HE SAID IT WAS OBVIOUS TO EVERYONE IN THE US AND JAPAN THAT KIDNAPPING WAS THE WORK OF KOREAN CIA. CHONG SAID HE WAS OF THE SAME OPINION. HE ALSO BELIEVED IDENTITY OF CULPRITS WAS ALREADY KNOWN. HE URGED GOVERNMENT TO IDENTIFY THEM.

2. CHONG ALSO CRITICIZED GOVERNMENT FOR AGITATING THE PUBLIC AGAINST JAPAN OVER THIS ISSUE. HE RECALLED THAT GOVERNMENT HAD IGNORED THE KOREAN PEOPLE'S TRUE SENTIMENTS ABOUT JAPAN AT THE TIME OF NORMALIZATION TREATY BUT NOW PLAYED ON THESE SENTIMENTS.

3. CHONG'S SPEECH WAS INTERRUPTED AFTER 15 MINUTES BY SHOUTS FROM DRP MEMBERS THAT HE WAS OUT OF ORDER.

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SPEAKER THEN DECLARED A RECESS. AFTER RECESS, CHONG

TOOK FLOOR TO STATE THAT, ON ADVICE HIS COLLEAGUES, HE  
WOULD NOT CONTINUE HIS COMMENTS.

4. COMMENT: CHONG'S COMMENTS ARE ESSENTIALLY  
ACCURATE. DESPITE GOVERNMENT ANTI-JAPAN SMOKE  
SCREEN, NOT EVEN GOVERNMENT SUPPORTERS  
ARE PREPARED IN PRIVATE TO DISPUTE CIA INVOLVEMENT IN CASE  
OR EVIDENCE UNCOVERED BY JAPANESE. FACT THAT ROK  
CIA DREW UP SCENARIO FOR ASSEMBLY HANDLING OF  
KIM TAE-CHUNG CASE WITH ITS ANTI-JAPANESE THEMES IS  
ALSO WIDELY KNOWN.  
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